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In re application of:

KATSUYUKI MUSAKA et al.

Application No.: 09/187,551

Filed: November 5, 1998

For: METHOD FOR FORMING A THIN
FILM FOR A SEMICONDUCTOR
DEVICE

Examiner: Marianne Padgett

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IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims as previously amended are reproduced below for the Examiner's convenience and reference.

1. A method of forming a conformal thin film of silicon oxide on a substrate having spaced conductive lines thereon comprising the steps of:

mounting a substrate onto a substrate support in a vacuum chamber;

forming a plasma in the vacuum chamber in a region above the substrate by means of an electrical power source from a reaction gas comprising a mixture of tetraethylorthosilicate and a fluorine-containing halocarbon gas selected from the group consisting of [CX₄] CY₄ and CX₃-

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